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**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL**

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated August 19, 2002.

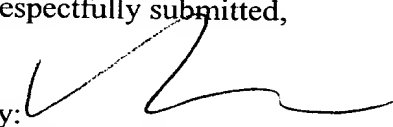
In the Office Action, the Examiner reopened prosecution in view of the Appeal Brief  
mailed on May 8, 2002. The Examiner indicated that Appellants must exercise one of the  
following options:

- (a) file a reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; or,
- (b) request reinstatement of the appeal.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(2)(ii), Applicants hereby request reinstatement of the  
appeal. A Supplemental Appeal Brief is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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